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MAYOR



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ANTHONY W. COBOS
DISTRICT NO. 8

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2003
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council met at the above place and date at approximately 9:00 a.m. Mayor Joe Wardy present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, Robert A. Cushing, Jr., John F. Cook, and Vivian Rojas. Absent: Daniel S. Power and Paul J. Escobar. Late arrivals: Jose Alexandro Lozano and Anthony Cobos

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AGENDA

1. Presentation regarding procedures to address unsafe structures and housing compliance.
[Building & Planning Services, Patricia D. Adauto, (915) 541-4193]

Ms. Patricia Adauto, Deputy CAO for Building and Planning Services, gave a Powerpoint presentation to Council Members (on file in the City Clerk's office). She also stated that she would meet with Council Members individually in the event questions regarding a specific property required clarification.

Ms. Teresa Garcia, Assistant City Attorney, provided a broad overview of City Code requirements and the authority of the City addressing unsafe structures and housing compliance. Following the presentation she addressed questions from Council Members.

Mr. Thomas Maguire, Building Permits and Inspections, presented an explanation as to what makes a property unsafe and the process Building Permits and Inspections follows in reaching that determination. Following the presentation he addressed questions from Council Members.

Representative Austin questioned Mr. Maguire, Ms. Garcia, and Ms. Momsen regarding the creation of an Environmental Court.

Motion made by Representative Austin, seconded by Representative Rojas and unanimously carried to refer the recommendations made by Building Permits and Inspections to the Building Permits and Inspections Legislative Review Committee of the Whole. The recommendations are as follows:

1. Pursue the creation of a Building and Standards Commission.
 2. Adopt the 2003 "International Property Maintenance Code" to replace the 1985 "Housing & Safety Code".
 3. Pursue the Creation of a Civil Municipal Court.
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2. Presentation on Board Appointment Procedures.
[Richarda Duffy Momsen, Municipal Clerk, (915) 541-4127]

Ms. Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk, gave Council Members a PowerPoint presentation (on file in the City Clerk's Office) explaining the Board Appointment Procedures. Following the presentation she answered questions from Council Members.

There was no action on the item.

3. Presentation on Electronic Voting Process.
[Information Technology Department, Tony Montoya, (915) 541-4288]

Mr. James Jackson, Information Technology Department, explained the electronic voting process and answered questions from Council Members.

Ms. Richarda Duffy Momsen, Municipal Clerk, provided comments.

Mr. Jim Martinez, Chief Administrative Officer, provided comments.

4. Discussion on any items posted on the City Council Agenda for September 23, 2003.

Representative Rojas questioned item 6B on the Agenda:

Resolution that the Mayor be authorized to sign an Agreement for Appraisal Services not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred and No/100ths (\$2,500.00) Dollars between the City of El Paso and Gayle-Reid Appraisal Services, Inc., for the appraisal of the following City-owned property:

A portion of Tract 23D, Block 38, YSLETA GRANT, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, former Julian Telles Senior Center, 8909 Old County Line Road.

(District 7) [Community and Human Development, Robert A. Gott, (915) 541-4248]

Ms. Debbie Hamlyn, Director of Community & Human Development, explained that the facility had been vacant for some time and that a prospective buyer had contacted the Department. She remarked that it was unknown what the intentions of the buyer were at this time.

Mr. Ray Cox, Director of Parks & Recreation, provided further information regarding the property and noted that the senior citizens were bussed to Father Martinez recreation center for their meals.

Representative Cobos requested that item 11B be moved to the Regular Agenda and requested further elaboration on the Resolutions posted on the Mass Transit Department Board Agenda:

Ms. Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk, clarified that in conjunction with the Special City Council Meeting, the Mass Transit Department Board Special Meeting was also being held.

BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS:

11B. Thomas C. Balsiger to the Airport Board by Representative John F. Cook.

MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign the Sixth Amendment to the Contract for professional services by and between the Mass Transit Department Board and the Goodman Corporation, executed on December 19, 2000, relating to Transportation Planning and Project Administration, for an additional amount not to exceed EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$85,000.00), to include all budget transfers as required. (Action 03-72)
2. Resolution that the Chairman of the Mass Transit Department Board of the City of El Paso (the Board) be authorized to sign a Fourth Amendment to an Agreement for Architectural Services by and between the Board and the Architectural firm of Synthesis Architecture, Inc., for a project known as "Union Plaza Transit Terminal/Parking Garage" for an amount not to exceed FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$55,255.00). (Action 03-73)
3. Resolution that the Chairman be authorized to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Mass Transit Department Board of The City Of El Paso, Texas and the City of Sunland Park, New Mexico with respect to the extension of Sun Metro bus service into Sunland Park, New Mexico, at no expense to the City of El Paso. (Action 03-74)

Mr. Terry Lee Scott, Director of Mass Transit, explained each Resolution in detail for Representative Cobos.

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Representative Austin questioned item 21D:

Discussion and action to direct City staff to prepare a Master Drainage Study for the Upper Valley Area as recommended by the City Plan Commission. **(District 1)**
[Planning, Research & Development, Rudy Valdez, 541-4635]

Mr. Rudy Valdez, Chief Urban Planner, provided explanation.

Mr. Ed Drusina, Deputy CAO for Municipal Services, provided further clarification.

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Representative Lozano questioned items 24E and 24F:

24E. An Ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 10, Block 3, ALAMEDA ACRES, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas (125 N. Glenwood St.) from A-2 (Apartment) to C-4 (Commercial). The penalty being as provided in Section 20.68.010 of the El Paso Municipal Code. ZC-03036. Applicant / Representative: Yun Ki Kim, 11149 Leo Collins, El Paso, TX 79936 **(District 3)** **THIS IS AN APPEAL CASE.** [Planning, Research and Development, Kimberly Forsyth, (915) 541-4631]

24F. An Ordinance vacating a portion of Glenwood Drive adjacent to Blocks 1 and 2, Alameda Acres, Map of Hughes Subdivision, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas. **(District 3)**
[Planning, Research & Development, Rudy Valdez, 541-4635]

Mr. Rudy Valdez, Chief Urban Planner, explained.

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Representative Rojas questioned item 19D:

An Ordinance changing the zoning of a Portion of Tracts 23B1 and 23B, Block 15, Ysleta Grant, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas (8269 North Loop Drive) from A-O (Apartment-Office) and A-O/sc (Apartment-Office/special contract) to C-1 (Commercial) and C-1/sc (Commercial/special contract). The penalty being as provided in Section 20.68.010 of the El Paso Municipal Code. ZON03-00014. Applicant: Dr. L.A. Candelaria / Representative: PSRBB Architects, 1845 Northwestern Dr., Suite A, El Paso, TX 79912 **(District 7)** [Planning, Research and Development, Kimberly Forsyth, (915) 541-4631]

Mr. Rudy Valdez, Chief Urban Planner, provided explanation.

That concluded the discussion on the September 23, 2003 City Council Agenda items and subsequently the meeting returned item 1: Presentation regarding procedures to address unsafe structures and housing compliance. [Building & Planning Services, Patricia D. Adauto, (915) 541-4193]

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No action is to be taken at these meetings, which are solely to facilitate open communication between the Mayor and Council.

In the event any item requires discussion in Executive Session, such discussion will be conducted in accordance with the procedures established by the Open Meetings law.

No other comments were forthcoming from the Mayor.

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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Rojas and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at approximately 11:29 a.m.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk



Lisa A. Elizondo, City Attorney